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**The Church and Field.**

Bro. Mallott left Milford, Ind., Tuesday, the 2nd inst., and was at home last week.

J. B. Wampler is conducting a series of meetings at Rosedale, Pa. A number of accessions are reported.

Bro. Bashor wrote from Aurelia, Iowa, under date of March 3rd, that he would begin a few extra services there that evening.

The Covington Brethren expect to commence a protracted meeting next Saturday evening. Bro. J. H. Swihart is expected to assist brother E. S. Miller.

The Brethren at West Independence, Ohio, have made arrangements to have Bro. Isaac Kilhefner serve them another year, the community, generally, esteem him there, as the people do here.

A few evenings ago brother Sharp had the misfortune to freeze his hand very badly. He was returning from Leaf River with sister Sharp in a sleigh. It was a very cold night—thermometer 29° below zero. The horse scared and plunged into a snow bank upsetting the cutter. By the time Bro. S. got the horse and sleigh righted again his left hand was so badly frozen that two of his fingers were hard and stiff. It was at first thought the fingers would have to be amputated, but is now hoped that they can be saved. He has suffered a good deal of pain, and we heartily sympathize with him in his misfortune.—*Messenger*.

The report comes to us from Lanark, Ill., that the Brethren cause is "looking up" at that place. It is curious how things will work together for good to them who love the Lord. Bro. Bashor was called to that place a few weeks ago to answer to an attack made on his character by a certain man, belonging to the opposition, rather noted for making strong assertions regardless of truth. The result of it was that when brother Bashor arrived "Elder C." (C. does not stand for Conservative in this case,) denied, as vigorously as he had before asserted, leaving those who had peddled his libels, in the lurch. Bro. Bashor then having nothing else to do improved the occasion to preach a few of his characteristic sermons which helped the cause of the Brethren to such an extent that the opposition have now called their strongest forces together in a vain attempt to counteract the good influence that brother Bashor's preaching had developed. Our correspondent, however assured us that with the knowledge that the community has of the Brethren cause there is no danger of its being overthrown or even hindered in its onward progress.

CARLETON, NEB., March 2, 1885.—I wish to say through our worthy paper, to our many brethren, sisters and friends of Somerset county Pa., that we arrived well and safely at our new home on February 27th, at 9.30 p. m., for which we are all thankful to the Lord. Brethren and sisters pray for us. Yours in love,  
ANANIAS P. MILLER.

BLANCO, PA.—The meetings at "Brush Valley" and Gladerun meeting houses in Armstrong

county Pa., are among the things of the past. Elder Stephen Hildebrand of Mineral Point, Cam Lria county Pa., came to our relief and labored faithfully and acceptably holding forth the word of life. Elder Hildebrand is an able expounder of the Gospel. During the meetings alluded to, three were added to the number of the disciples, and one applicant. Others we believe are near the Kingdom.

J. B. WAMPLER.

SIDNEY, IND., March 4.—The meeting at Milford ended on the 2nd inst. The accessions were from the German Baptists, some from other denominations and, largely from the world. Bro. Mallott, with his usual simplicity, did the planting, and watered the plants from day to day. One of the peculiarities of this meeting was the marvellous interest taken by all present, although belonging to different denominations. Their songs and prayers were apparently with one accord directed towards the star of Bethlehem. Their minor differences were partially covered over with the mantle of charity. Some of the members are yet to be baptized.

It was just a little over two years ago that the Annual Meeting was held near this place, when the ecclesiastical atmosphere was disturbed, and a little cloud not bigger than a man's hand appeared in the horizon over a little school house near by. This cloud has now extended itself over our country from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans; and is now enlivening the fields around the school house.

DANIEL MILLER.

MILFORD, IND., March 5.—Bro. R. F. Mallott commenced a meeting at this place February 12th, and continued until March 1st. Thirty-six were added to our church during this time. Our house was crowded; after placing fifty extra chairs in the church, we could not seat near all. We feel to thank them for their good attention. Bro. Mallott will ever be remembered at this place for his Christian manners and powerful preaching.

This church was organized January 6th, 1885, with twelve members, and now we number forty-eight members.

Last Monday we enjoyed together a pleasant business meeting. Bro. Perry Early was elected Elder, and brother Montgomery, Deacon.

We think brother Mallott will be with us again some time in May. We have now commenced a good work here at Milford, and we think God will aid us in building up a large church in a short time. JOHN DUBBS.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., Mar. 2.—We have just passed through a three-week's meeting, which resulted in much good. Bro. Ramsey did most of the ministerial work; brethren Adams and Replogle assisted him. The result was six souls went down into the water and vowed obedience to His cause, and one was reclaimed. We had very good interest and good attention. Of a truth we can say, the Holy Spirit was and is still in our midst. The good work is still going on and we have our prayer meetings every week.

Our Sabbath schools are doing well, this winter, in Cone-

maugh and Johnstown. I am trying to attend both, and it makes me a good deal of work, but we do it as best we can in our weakness. I have charge of two Bible classes; one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and I crave an interest in the prayers of the brethren and sisters in my behalf, that I may, by the grace of God, become successful as a teacher.

May our united efforts and prayers go out in behalf of the Master's cause.

S. J. GIFFIN.

AUBURN, ILL., Feb. 25, 1885.—I seldom see a report from our little church at Auburn. I will give you a few items as they may be of interest to your readers.

Brother Swihart has charge of our church, and meets with us once a month, his time being occupied in other fields of labor. We feel that he is the right man in the right place, when he is with us, as his record shows. Last Saturday night was his regular appointment, but owing to irregularity of trains he arrived too late to fill it. Providentially or otherwise, it was ably filled by brother D. B. Gibson, who having become tired of Conservatism, brought his wife over that they might have a talk with brother Swihart.

They met on Sunday morning and talked over the differences between the churches, and brother Gibson said he was tired—not that he did not believe that he could be a Christian where he was—but he felt "hampered;" that he would not preach anything but the Gospel to the people, and when they became convinced by it and wished to unite with the Church, he was compelled to put something between them and the Word before he could receive them. He further stated the doctrine which he had been preaching was just the same as we practice, and that he would be willing to meet the Brethren on the ground of the Gospel alone, as a rule of faith and practice. Brother Swihart said "We want to meet you on that ground and we want to meet you with hand and salutation." The covenant to stand by the Gospel alone was then sealed between us and brother Gibson and his wife. Another sister came over from the Conservatives and a brother and sister from the Christian denomination; also two young men from the world, making a total of seven, at this time, and two young sisters were baptized at the meeting a month ago. We feel encouraged as the work goes on in spite of opposition. We are gaining steadily through the instrumentality of brother Swihart.

CARRIE P. FOSTER.

**Berlin, Pa., Church Items.**

MAR. 3.—Our esteemed brother Samuel Forney, Sr., has been sick for some time with an attack of lung fever; he called for the Elders of the church to administer to him the rite recorded in James 5: 14, which has been attended to. At this time he is convalescent. May the good Lord restore him to us and his place in the church, is our prayer.

Our aged sister Meyers, who lives with her son, brother David

L. Meyers, is in feeble health this winter. Apparently old age is the principal cause. May He, who is abundantly able, sustain her in her declining years.

We are sorry to state that one week ago to-day, brother A. P. Millor, wife and two sons, all members of the Berlin church, gave us the parting hand to seek a home in the West. They will be greatly missed by us as they are active members; especially brother Miller who is in the office of Deacon; but our loss will be Carleton, Neb.'s gain. The best wishes of the entire community follow them to their new home.

At this writing brother J. C. Ewing is conducting two singing classes in our church. This is as it ought to be; we stand much in need of drilling in that part of worship.

J. C. KNEPPER.

**Our Disappointment.**

According to previous arrangement, brother J. H. Swihart was to preach at the Ankenytown, Ohio, church March 1, but did not put in his appearance. We went over to the old house with the expectation of occupying an easy chair, and hearing the "old old story" dropped from the lips of our superior. But Oh! How sadly we were disappointed when we were informed that he was not coming. We requested the congregation to sing a few hymns to give us time to recover from the shock, and look up a portion of scripture, and opening and closing hymns, and then proceeded with the exercises as best we could under the circumstances. To our great astonishment a sister came forward at the close of the services without an invitation, and requested to be baptized, which was attended to the same day. May the good Lord help her to prove faithful is our prayer. ISAAC LEEDY.

**"What Shall We Do?"**

The above headed an article, or rather an appeal to the readers of the EVANGELIST, found in No. 7, page eight. Please refer to it and read. It would not be prudent or Christian-like to let the Brethren editors bear all the expenses of sending the paper to Christ's poor who are not able to pay for it and yet greatly desire to read it. To be brief, everything must have a beginning and a system in order to be of much benefit. Now dear brethren, sisters and friends, let us organize a society, and I suggest we call it the Brethren Relief Society. That means to relieve our brethren editors, and help our poor brethren and sisters. Let us each send a free will offering, and in a short time we will be surprised how it will increase and help the Lord's poor. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord;" Prov. 19: 16.

A SISTER IN THE LORD.

**The Fairview Church.**

Since my last communication I had a meeting at Fairview Church, Ohio, which resulted in eight additions. Many are almost ready but lack courage to face the world; they will find it easier to face the world in time, than to face it in eternity.

My home was with Cyrus Hegler, who, with his wife and daughter Dollie placed me in their debt by many kindnesses. I would like to have seen more

of the people of Fairview in their homes, but I cannot well visit all day and preach at night. Hence I obeyed Luke 10: 7. Bro. J. M. Rittgers was with me most of the time and did good service.

I must tell you of an incident.

A Methodist brother took exceptions to some of my assertions about baptism, believing sprinkling to be the way the Bible required, a gentleman not a member of Church—but ought to be—told the believer in sprinkling he would present him with a \$10 Bible, if he would prove sprinkling to be baptism by the Bible. He accepted the offer and went to work, but found difficulties in the way, he then called in help but made a failure; he came out of the investigation a Baptist. I have heard of such cases, this came under my own observation.

On Monday morning when ready to start for home brother McCoy, who has the cause at heart came and asked for a few more meetings; smothering my own feelings I consented to remain until the middle of the week, news was spread through the schools, and Monday night we had a full house. Best of all a noble young man came out on the Lord's side and the next night he told the congregation why he came. I like to see a man's heart so full of religion that it runs over.

The Fairview Church is warm on the side of religion and prospects are bright. May God bless her membership and coming pastor and, make the cause a great success.

On my return home I stopped at Columbus and made the third and successful effort to see my sister-in-law. On the way I passed a new building which is erected for a skating rink, to cost I am told when completed with its glass floors one hundred thousand dollars; how as much money would help our College. The devil has a greater grip on some men's money than the Church has, but he ought not to have.

I was told here of two young ladies who were killed at the rink, and many others who have been injured. If we would have an accident in the water with a candidate, what an argument the world would have against baptism. But it is the skating rink now, and it is all right you know.

I had the pleasure of visiting Perry County and preaching for the Helsar congregation. I like the Buckeye people. Well brethren I love you all.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

**MARRIED.**

KLINE—BOYD.—On February 20th, at the residence of Wm. Kiefer, John W. Kline to Mary Boyd, both of Congress, Ohio.

FASIG—REED.—At the residence of the writer, March 8, 1885, Mr. Calvin Fasig and Miss Armina Reed, both of Ashland county, Ohio.

ISAAC KILHEFNER.

MOSES—ROOT.—By Elder H. R. Holsinger, at his residence, March 3rd, 1885, Mr. Cary Moses and Ellen Root, both of Ashland county, Ohio.

SMITH—JOHNSTON.—By the undersigned in North Liberty, O., March 4, 1885, Mr. Howard Smith to Miss Ollie O. Johnston, both of Knox Co., Ohio. May their journey through life be in the bright sunshine of domestic happiness, and when death has claimed them as his may the life of Christ unite them in Heaven is our prayer.

ELD. R. F. MALLOTT.

The sinner's best friend is Christ.